

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (previously presented) Absorbent product having a longitudinal direction and a transverse direction and comprising:

a front and a rear end portion,

an intermediate crotch portion,

edges extending in the longitudinal direction and in the transverse direction,

an upper, liquid-permeable surface layer,

a lower, liquid-impermeable surface layer,

an absorbent body arranged between the surface layers and comprising edges in the longitudinal direction and in the transverse direction,

liquid barriers extending in the longitudinal direction arranged essentially parallel to those edges of the product running in the longitudinal direction, the liquid barriers each having a free edge,

side flaps extending in the longitudinal direction outside the liquid barriers and comprising parts of at least one of the surface layers, and

elastic elements extending in the longitudinal direction and fastened to only the liquid barriers without an elastic element being connected to the side flaps, the liquid-permeable surface layer extending in the longitudinal direction of the product at least between the liquid barriers,

wherein each liquid barrier is, at least in the crotch portion of the product, in a region between an attachment to the absorbent product and each said free edge, fixed to the adjacent side flap outside the edges of the absorbent body, as a result of which the product has double raised leakage barriers arranged along the edges extending in the longitudinal direction.

2. (previously presented) Absorbent product according to Claim 1, wherein the elastic elements comprise one of: at least one elastic thread, at least one elastic band, at least one strip of elastic plastic film, at least one strip of elastic non-woven material and elastic foam material.

3. (withdrawn) Absorbent product according to Claim 20, wherein the elastic elements comprise one of: at least one elastic thread, at least one elastic band, at least one strip of elastic plastic film, at least one strip of elastic non-woven material and elastic foam material.

4. (withdrawn) Absorbent product according to claim 1, the side flaps comprising liquid barrier material.

5. (previously presented) Absorbent product according to claim 1, wherein the side flaps comprise parts of the liquid-permeable surface layer.

6. (withdrawn) Absorbent product according to claim 1, wherein both the side flaps and the liquid barriers comprise parts of the liquid-permeable surface layer.

7. (withdrawn) Absorbent product according to claim 1, wherein both the liquid barriers and the side flaps comprise parts of the liquid-impermeable surface layer.

8. (previously presented) Absorbent product according to claim 1, wherein the side flaps comprise parts of the liquid-impermeable surface layer.

9. (currently amended) An absorbent product comprising:
a liquid-permeable surface layer;
a liquid-impermeable surface layer;
an absorbent body between the liquid-permeable and liquid-impermeable surface layers and having edges extending in a

longitudinal direction of the absorbent product, said liquid-permeable and liquid-impermeable surface layers and said absorbent body extending along an intermediate crotch portion between first and second end portions;

liquid barriers extending in the longitudinal direction essentially parallel to said edges of said absorbent body, the liquid barriers each having a free edge;

side flaps extending in the longitudinal direction outside the liquid barriers and comprising part of at least one of the liquid-permeable and liquid-impermeable surface layers; and

elastic elements extending in the longitudinal direction and fastened to only the liquid barriers without an elastic element being connected to the side flaps,

wherein each liquid barrier is fixed to an adjacent one of said side ~~[[flap]]~~ flaps in a region between said free edge and where said liquid barrier extends from said absorbent product, outside the edges of the absorbent body, so that the product has double raised leakage barriers arranged along the edges extending in the longitudinal direction.

10. (previously presented) The absorbent product according to claim 9, wherein the side flaps comprise part of the liquid-permeable surface layer.

11. (previously presented) The absorbent product according to claim 9, wherein the side flaps comprise part of the liquid-impermeable surface layer.

12. (withdrawn) The absorbent product according to claim 9, wherein both the side flaps and the liquid barriers comprise part of the liquid-permeable surface layer.

13. (withdrawn) The absorbent product according to claim 9, wherein both the liquid barriers and the side flaps comprise part of the liquid-impermeable surface layer.

14. (withdrawn) The absorbent product according to claim 9, wherein the liquid barriers comprise part of the liquid-permeable surface layer.

15. (withdrawn) The absorbent product according to claim 9, wherein the liquid barriers comprise part of the liquid-impermeable surface layer.

16. (previously presented) The absorbent product according to claim 9, wherein the side flaps comprise part of the liquid-permeable surface layer and part of the liquid-impermeable surface layer.

17. (canceled)

18. (previously presented) The absorbent product according to claim 9, wherein the elastic elements are only fastened to the liquid barriers.

19. (withdrawn) An absorbent product comprising:
a liquid-permeable surface layer;
a liquid-impermeable surface layer;
an absorbent body between the liquid-permeable and liquid-impermeable surface layers and having edges extending in a longitudinal direction of the absorbent product, said liquid-permeable and liquid-impermeable surface layers and said absorbent body extending along an intermediate crotch portion between first and second end portions;

a liquid barrier extending in the longitudinal direction essentially parallel to said edges of said absorbent body and having a free edge;

a side flap extending in the longitudinal direction outside the liquid barrier and comprising part of at least one of the liquid-permeable and liquid-impermeable surface layers; and

a single elastic element extending in the longitudinal direction connecting an area adjacent the free edge of the liquid barrier and the side flap, without any additional elastic

elements being connected to either the liquid barrier or the side flap.

20. (withdrawn) Absorbent product having a longitudinal direction and a transverse direction and comprising:

a front and a rear end portion,
an intermediate crotch portion,
edges extending in the longitudinal direction and in the transverse direction,

an upper, liquid-permeable surface layer,
a lower, liquid-impermeable surface layer,
an absorbent body arranged between the surface layers and comprising edges in the longitudinal direction and in the transverse direction,

liquid barriers extending in the longitudinal direction arranged essentially parallel to those edges of the product running in the longitudinal direction, the liquid barriers each having a free edge,

side flaps extending in the longitudinal direction outside the liquid barriers and comprising parts of at least one of the surface layers, and

elastic elements extending in the longitudinal direction and fastened to only the side flaps without an elastic element being connected to the liquid barriers, the liquid-

permeable surface layer extending in the longitudinal direction of the product at least between the liquid barriers,

wherein each liquid barrier is, at least in the crotch portion of the product, in a region between an attachment to the absorbent product and each said free edge, fixed to the adjacent side flap outside the edges of the absorbent body, as a result of which the product has double raised leakage barriers arranged along the edges extending in the longitudinal direction.